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| | For: Method for Producing Nanoparticle Layer Having Uniform Easy Axis of Magnetization, Magnetic Recording Medium Having Such Layer, its Production Method, and its Production Apparatus |)))) |
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one (1) month. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is \$120.00.

Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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